

REMARKS

Claims 38-46, 48, 49, 52 and 56-66 stand allowed in the present application.

The present amendment adds new dependent claims 67-246.

For at least the reasons stated below, the Applicants submit that all pending claims are allowable.

Amendments to Previous Claims

The present amendment amends claim 48 to move language from the body of the claim into the claim preamble. The Applicants submit that claim 48, as currently amended, is allowable for at least the reasons discussed previously with regard to claim 48.

The present amendment amends claim 52 to clarify antecedent basis. The Applicants submit that claim 52, as currently amended, is allowable for at least the reasons discussed previously with regard to claim 52.

New Claims

The present amendment adds new claims 67-246. The Applicants submit that new claims 67-246 are allowable for at least the following reasons.

New claims 67-96 each depend from independent claim 59. Accordingly, the Applicants submit that each of new claims 67-96 is allowable for at least the reasons for which independent claim 59 is allowable. The Applicants also submit that each of new claims 67-96 is independently allowable.

New claims 97-126 each depend from independent claim 63. Accordingly, the Applicants submit that each of new claims 97-126 is allowable for at least the reasons for which independent claim 63 is allowable. The Applicants also submit that each of new claims 97-126 is independently allowable.

New claims 127-156 each depend from independent claim 52. Accordingly, the Applicants submit that each of new claims 127-156 is allowable for at least the reasons for which independent claim 52 is allowable. The Applicants also submit that each of new claims 127-156 is independently allowable.

New claims 157-186 each depend from independent claim 48. Accordingly, the Applicants submit that each of new claims 157-186 is allowable for at least the reasons for which

independent claim 48 is allowable. The Applicants also submit that each of new claims 157-186 is independently allowable.

New claims 187-216 each depend from independent claim 38. Accordingly, the Applicants submit that each of new claims 187-216 is allowable for at least the reasons for which independent claim 38 is allowable. The Applicants also submit that each of new claims 187-216 is independently allowable.

New claims 217-246 each depend from independent claim 42. Accordingly, the Applicants submit that each of new claims 217-246 is allowable for at least the reasons for which independent claim 42 is allowable. The Applicants also submit that each of new claims 217-246 is independently allowable.

Final Matters

The Applicants are presently preparing an Information Disclosure Statement for consideration by the Examiner in the present application. If, at the time of examination, no such IDS has been received, the Applicants request that the Examiner contact the Applicants' representative via telephone at the number below to discuss the status of such IDS.

Summary

In summary, for at least the aforementioned reasons, the Applicants submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Applicants courteously solicit a Notice of Allowability with respect to all pending claims. To advance prosecution of the present application in an efficient manner, if the Examiner disagrees with the Applicants' positions stated above, or would like to discuss other aspects of the present application, the Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the Applicants' representative via telephone at the number below.

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Resp. to Notice of Allowance dated May 7, 2006

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge additional fees or credit overpayments to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

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